

# Welcome to Grade 5!

## 🌿 Introduction

Hello and welcome! My name is **Mrs. McKenzie**, and I am so excited to begin another year of growth and learning at Notre Dame School with such a wonderful group of students! Just like a garden, our classroom will be a place where we plant seeds of knowledge and nurture curiosity.

## ☀️ Fun Facts About Me

- **Teaching Experience:** I have been teaching elementary students for 8 years and every year I am reminded of how rewarding it is to see students flourish. Teaching is truly my passion, and I feel grateful every day to do what I love!
- **Pets:** I share my home with a silly, chatty, and lovable beasky (beagle/husky) named Kilo, and two cute and curious but complicated cats, Gus and Marvel.
- **Hobbies:** Gardening (of course!), painting, reading, paddle boarding, hiking, nature walks, and bird watching.
- **Favorite Candies/snacks:** I love Lindt dark chocolates, cheese, and beef jerky!
- **Favorite Bible Verse:** *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* – Matthew 5:16

## 🌱 Growing Together

This year, our classroom will be like a garden where:

- 🌸 We plant kindness.
- 🌿 We water our ideas with curiosity.
- ☀️ We grow stronger together through teamwork.
- 🍏 We harvest the joy of learning.

I can't wait to see how each student blossoms this year!

## 🌿 Stay Connected

I believe strong communication with families helps every child thrive. Please reach out anytime:

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Together, we'll make this a year of growth, learning, and joy! 🌱 ✨

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